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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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APPLICATION NO.: 09/369,803

FILED: AUGUST 6, 1999

FOR: A HUMIDIFYING GAS INDUCTION OR
SUPPLY SYSTEM

CASE NO.: AD 6643 US NA

GROUP ART UNIT: 1724

EXAMINER: C. BUSHEY

AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2001, the period for response to which having been extended for three (3) months up to and including October 26, 2001 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, and 12-14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 3, 6, and 11 as follows (a marked-up version showing changes made is attached hereto):

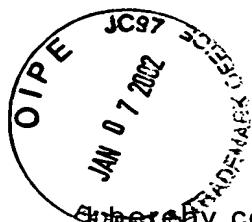
A1 3. (amended) A humidifying gas induction or supply system comprising:
a hydrophilic membrane surface;
a water reservoir integrally formed with said hydrophilic membrane surface;
and
a hood arranged to regulate an area of said hydrophilic membrane surface exposed to one of said water reservoir and said gas induction or supply system.

A2 6. (amended) An engine comprising:
a humidifying air induction or supply system comprising:
a hydrophilic membrane surface;

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